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1. Banská Bystrica operates a manual rotary-type 600-line telephone exchange made by Telegrafia, Pardubice.

2. Bratislava - The exchange equipment is located in two buildings, 1) the old Post Office and 2) the new Post Office.

   The old Post Office building is at Stalinovo nam with front reaching into the Hurbanovo nam to the west. It is a five-story brick building, about one hundred meters long whose first floor is occupied by the Post business offices and telephone equipment for four thousand lines in the east end of the floor. The second floor houses equipment for six thousand lines, the telphone and telegraph junction center, the repeater center and the telegraph office. Thirty long-distance switchboards for one hundred lines each constitute one part of the equipment which is of the rotary Model 7A made by Telegrafia.

   The new Post Office built in 1947-1948 is in the Námestie Suobody built of reinforced concrete, 11 stories high with one section three or four stories high. It has three or four stories underground. The equipment is the Siemens step-by-step type with total capacity of ten thousand lines made in Kolin. It is used for local service exclusively.

   All equipment in both locations is fully automatic, five-digit dial operated.

3. Brno - Automatic rotary equipment, Model 7B, capacity ten thousand lines, made by Telegrafia, Pardubice.

4. Kosice - Automatic rotary equipment, capacity one thousand lines. Some parts of old equipment, made in Antwerp, Belgium, and largely destroyed by the Germans in 1944, are still in use.

5. Moravská Ostrava - This is the only exchange in the country using complicated relay system made by Telegrafia. After some changes made in the original installation, it worked well. Automatic operation, capacity four thousand lines in 1948, now probably considerably larger.

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6. Nitra - Automatic step-by-step Siemens type equipment with maximum capacity one thousand lines, made in Kolin.

7. Nove Zamky - Automatic rotary-type equipment of one thousand line capacity made by Standard, Budapest.

8. Pardubice - Small automatic rotary type exchange for five hundred lines made by Telegrafia. A new step-by-step Siemens type equipment was on order for this exchange in 1948.

9. Piestany - Automatic step-by-step Siemens type equipment for one thousand lines made in Kolin.

10. Poprad - Equipment for about two hundred lines. Information on its type not available.

11. Ruzomberok - Manual rotary type equipment for four hundred lines made by Telegrafia.

12. Trencin - Automatic rotary type equipment for six hundred lines in 1948, with additional equipment for four hundred lines on order from Telegrafia to be installed in 1949.

13. Zilina - Automatic step-by-step Siemens type equipment for five hundred or six hundred lines made in Kolin.

14. Zvolen - Manual rotary type equipment for four hundred lines made by Telegrafia.

   All telephone exchanges [          ] are housed in the local Post Office buildings.

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